



Arlington Economic Development Recovery Task Force Minutes

Date: Tuesday January 18, 2022

Time: 2:00-3:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Present: Jennifer Raitt, Dept. of Planning and Community Development; Ali Carter, Dept. of Planning and Community Development; Marisa Lau, Dept. of Planning and Community Development; Leland Stein, Regent Theater; Bob Bowes, Gibson Sotheby's International Realty; Sarah Morgan-Wu, The Object of Stories; Alyssa Clossey, Support Arlington Center; Steve Poltorzycki, Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture; Tom Formicola, Arlington Center for the Arts; Bootsy Mullan, Town Tavern; Richard Fraiman, Capitol Theater; Emily Shea, Kickstand Café; John Hurd, Select Board.

Guest: Len Diggins

1. Approval of the October 2021 meeting minutes will be done at the following meeting.
2. Public health update
3. Update on Task Force recommendations to Select Board

Ali Carter described the changes to the Alcohol Rules and Regulations approved by the Select Board in January. She went over next steps to implement the Outdoor Restaurant and Retail Permit program with the Office of the Select Board. DPCD will review the locations that received the Temporary Outdoor Dining License last year and reach out to owners about the change in application process. Not all locations are expected to reapply due to ongoing construction, for example.

4. Upcoming meetings and next steps

Ali brought up the future of the temporary Task Force and areas of overlap with existing committees. She suggested that the nature of the work undertaken by the members during the pandemic may make it a natural fit to eventually merge with ATED (Arlington Committee on Tourism and Economic Development). She asked for feedback.

- Sarah Morgan-Wu stated some differences between ATED and the Task Force, i.e. the former is an appointed body and has a budget allocation. She also pointed out that some of the Task Force members sit on other committees and may not be interested in serving on an additional committee. Ali provided background on the ATED budget and explained about funding for management of the visitor center.
- Emily Shea asked if ATED had been involved with COVID-related initiatives. Bob Bowes confirmed ATED has not been focused on COVID relief.

Ali discussed the structure of ATED and noted that there are reserved seats for other committees.

Several attendees asked whether a Patriots Day parade or Town Day would be held this year.

Next meeting: February 15, 2022 at 2 p.m.